



## KING COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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### QUALITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Day/Date: Monday, October 22, 2001  
Time: 3:30 – 5:00 PM  
Location: Exchange Building: 810 Second Avenue, Conference Room 6A, Seattle, WA

**Members Present:**

Debbie Roszkowski – board nominee - MHB

**Members Absent:**

Janny Becker

**Members Excused:**

Eleanor Owen  
Jeanette Barnes  
Alberto Gallego  
Jack Fuller

**Staff:**

Shelle Crosby  
Jean Robertson  
Jerilyn Anderson - UBH

**Guests:**

Howard Miller – Chair - Mental Health Board (MHB)

**Note Taker:**

Irma Van Buskirk

### **Call To Order**

Shelle called meeting to order at 3:40 PM.

### **Approval of Last Minutes**

A quorum was not present. The June and July minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

### **Announcements**

Shelle provided a brief overview to the members of the history of the Quality Council (QC). Originally members included – division staff, provider representatives, client and advocate representatives and (MHB) members. The original intent was to have the QC select and carry out quality improvement processes, but because the QC met only once a month, it became apparent that this was not a feasible approach. In 1994, the QC moved to being a sub-committee of the MHB, and the MHB issued a defined mission and statement for the QC. Additional changes to the QC were introduced in 1995 with King County (KC) hiring United Behavior Health (UBH) by King County (KC).

Howard questioned quality standards, how is quality measured? Shelle commented that now would be a good time for the MHB and QC to define their current vision. Increased demands for accountability in Mental Health Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division (MHCADSD) state contract and consumer groups must be addressed. Members of the QC along with the MHB need to decide on what direction the QC should be taking in 2002.

Shelle will draw up the current structure of how the QC currently relates to the MHB, and will clarify the roles and responsibilities of the QC.

### **RSN/UBH Update**

Jean advised members that interviews for the MHCADSD manager position of were held several weeks ago. Jackie MacLean, current acting manager of MHCADSD, withdrew from the candidate list prior to the interviews. Jean anticipates that a decision will be announced next month.

Cedar Hills - KC Executive Ron Sims has recommended the closing of Cedar Hills in 2002. This process will next move to the council for consideration.

UBH's 2002 contract will be restructured to more of an administrative services contract to manage the network. Risk share will be removed.

Jerilyn added that due to extensive anticipated budget cuts in 2002, KC has stopped the last phase of the KC/UBH 2001 contract implementation. The UBH Information System contract component will not be implemented as planned, and MHCADSD will continue to maintain these services.

### **Handouts at this Meeting**

There were no handouts.

### **Future Agenda Items or Enclosures**

Shelle will provide members with a copy of the 1994 QC mission and statement, clarification of member roles and responsibilities, and possible QC projects for 2002.

Flyer - QC membership

Continued discussion on Quality Council role and membership

### **Next Meeting**

Next scheduled meeting will be:

Monday, November 26, 2001

Exchange Building, 821 Second Avenue, Conference Room 6A

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.